

PATTY'S PONDERINGS



'As Christ loved us'

"Walk in Love" is the theme for the 2022 LWML South Dakota District Convention, to be held June 3-4 at St. John's, Yankton. The theme is based on Eph. 4:32-5:2:

Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

Therefore, be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us.

How are you doing in being kind and forgiving? It is certainly not easy because we are sinners. But we know that Jesus tells us to love Him with our whole being and to love our neighbor as ourselves.

God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. **1 JOHN 4:16**

John 3:16 gives us the ultimate example of love:

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."

Each day we have the opportunity to show God's love to the world. It starts by loving our family. And this may be the hardest of all because we are with them so often and may see actions or hear words we don't like. How about the person who walks by your house each day or the young man who takes your order at the restaurant? How can you show love to these people?

1 Cor. 13:4 tells us that "Love is patient, love is kind."

May each of you take the time to be in prayer each day and ask God, your Father, to bless you with kindness, forgiveness and the ability to "Walk in Love."

I hope to see you at the district convention in Yankton, where you will hear and study the Word of God and share His love with your neighbor.



Patty Peters
LWML South Dakota District President

Convention candidates

We, the Nominating Committee, are pleased to announce the slate of candidates for the 2022 LWML South Dakota District Convention. We thank these ladies (and gentlemen) for their prayerful consideration and willingness to serve the Lord with gladness. I also thank committee members Nancy Bogenhagen and Pat Reichert. — *Ann Cruse, Nominating Committee Chair*

Vice-President of Special Focus Ministries

- ▶ Dianne Hemminger

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Nominating committee:

- ▶ Patti Greenseth
 - ▶ Nyla Jurens
 - ▶ Lurene Mogler Denke
 - ▶ Susan Swanson
- Pastoral Counselor**
- ▶ Rev. Bret Bierman
 - ▶ Rev. Brian Mosemann



Grant proposals

It is with great excitement and anticipation that the LWML South Dakota District Board of Directors announces the upcoming convention mission grant proposals. We will soon vote on which of these grants we will fund in the coming biennium. God has given us so many wonderful grants to help fund. More details about each one will be available closer to the convention date.

The 2022-24 mission grants proposals are:

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| 1. Jesus Door 2 Door, \$1,000 | 9. Faith Lutheran Health and Wellness Ministry, \$5,000 |
| 2. Spanish Braille Bibles for Central and South America, \$5,000 | 10. Phil's Friends Blankets, \$5,000 |
| 3. Feeding Haitian Children Physically and Spiritually, \$5,000 | 11. International Students: Making Jesus Known to the World, \$5,000 |
| 4. Trinity Learning Center Playground Upgrade, \$5,000 | 12. Mozambique Dorcas Sewing Project (LCMS International Mission project), \$5,000 |
| 5. Faith Lutheran Daycare and Preschool Area Update, \$5,000 | 13. Soldiers of the Cross, \$5,000 |
| 6. Luther's Small Catechism for African Missions, \$5,000 | 14. Nurturing Spiritual Care (LCMS National Mission), \$3,500 |
| 7. Teachers to the World—MOST Ministries, \$5,000 | 15. Serving in Love—Volunteer Engagement (LCMS National Mission), \$3,500 |
| 8. Black Hills Pregnancy Center Earn While You Learn program, \$5,000 | |

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COUNSELOR'S CORNER

NOT AFRAID

Dear Friends in Christ,

Happy Easter!

And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

MARK 16:8

You can't just tell yourself to stop being afraid. That's not how fear works, is it? In fact, the more you think about your fear, the more afraid you will feel.

The only thing that will remove fear from our hearts is a greater fear. You would be afraid to jump off a ship into the ocean. But I bet if someone was charging at you with a knife, the fear of the open water would vanish. Young men are afraid to talk to pretty girls,



Rev. Daniel Grimmer
LWML District Pastoral Counselor



but the fear of not having a date for the prom is far greater. You may be afraid of traffic at a busy intersection, but you'd dive in front of a car to pull your young child to safety.

The women in the Gospel are afraid after hearing that Jesus is risen. But their fear is no longer of the Jews or the Romans.

Trembling and astonishment had seized them. They are afraid, but it's the kind of fear that accompanies awe and wonder — fear and wonder that Jesus has

truly been raised drives out from them the fear of man. And what about the other disciples, the 11 men who would soon be called apostles? The news of the resurrection fills them with fear too. It fills them with wonder and amazement, but it casts out their fear of persecution and death. They become so bold as to preach to the Sanhedrin and Roman authorities.

Brothers and sisters, Jesus Christ has truly risen from the dead, promising that sin and death are no more. His resurrection means that you will be raised from the dead. And that fills us with fearful wonder and awe.

Are you afraid of the future? Are you afraid of the hatred of the unbelieving world? Are you afraid of sickness and death?

So were the disciples. So was Mary and Salome and the other women. Remember this: Jesus has conquered death for you. Be filled with the fear of the Lord, and with awe and amazement and faith in His Word. For because Jesus has risen from the dead, you can say with all confidence:

The LORD is on my side; I will not fear.
What can man do to me? PS. 118:6

Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Welcome!

On Feb. 13, Patty Peters, LWML district president, presented a certificate recognizing Eve Group of Zion Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls, as an official LWML group. Members enjoyed a nacho bar and many desserts, and worked service projects including tie blankets, quilt squares and sugar scrubs.

The Eve Group has many service projects planned for 2022 with organizations such as Children's Inn, The Furniture Mission and the Ronald McDonald House.

The group looks forward to serving the Lord with gladness!



Eve Group members are, from left, Emily Lafrentz, Suze Frentz, Lori Brunick, Jody Huebert, Jill Powell, Cathy VandeBraak, Sara Francis, Pam Kludt, Renee Lehr, Kim Fitterer, Mary Ann Zinner and Nancy Bott.



62nd LWML South Dakota District Convention

June 3 & 4, 2022

St. John's Lutheran Church, Yankton, SD

Registration Form

Deadline for registration and meals—April 30, 2022



Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State ____ Zip _____
 Phone _____
 Email _____
 Church & City _____
 Zone _____
 Emergency contact name & Phone number _____

Registration Status

(check one)

- ___ Voting member of Board of Directors
- ___ Delegate
- ___ Past LWML District President
- ___ Non-voting member of the BOD
- ___ LWML Member
- ___ Pastor
- ___ Deaconess
- ___ DCE
- ___ Guest
- ___ Exhibitor

Please check all that apply:

- First time attending a District Convention
- Young Woman Representative
- Heart to Heart Sister
- Choir Member (please include your email to receive information and music)

Housing Information—You are responsible for making your own hotel arrangements. Ask for the LWML rates. Rooms are blocked at:

- **Holiday Inn Express: \$140** plus taxes
605-665-3177 *deadline May 2*
- **Kelly Inn: \$129.99** plus taxes (King bed)
\$139.99 plus taxes (2 Queen beds)
605-665-2906 *deadline May 5*
- **Days Inn: \$70** plus taxes
605-665-8717 *deadline May 18*
- **Comfort Inn & Suites: \$85** plus taxes
605-689-3400 *deadline May 30*

Registration Fee

	Quantity	Cost	Fee Total
Registration	_____	\$43.00	\$ _____
Pastor gratis	_____	\$00.00	\$ _____
Friday Lunch	_____	\$10.00	\$ _____
Friday Supper	_____	\$12.00	\$ _____
Saturday Lunch	_____	\$10.00	\$ _____

I need my meals Gluten-Free

***Pastors please choose gratis meals.**

Puppet Place Gray T-shirt

___ S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___	\$19	\$ _____
___ XXL ___ XXXL	\$20	\$ _____

Puppet Place White T-shirt

___ S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___	\$19	\$ _____
___ XXL ___ XXXL	\$20	\$ _____

Puppet Place Gray Polo

___ S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___	\$28	\$ _____
___ XXL ___ XXXL	\$30	\$ _____

Puppet Place White Polo

___ S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___	\$28	\$ _____
___ XXL ___ XXXL	\$30	\$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Make check payable to: **LWML SD District Convention**

Mail check and registration to:

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